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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (COMMAND, CONTROL, COMMUNICATIONS, AND INTELLIGENCE)

SUBJECT: Draft DoD Directive, 8160.xx, "Defense Information Technology
Resources Management Program"

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject draft Directive.

We support the overall objective of the draft Directive--effective management of Information Technology (IT) resources. However, we are concerned about the proposed approach instituted by the draft Directive, because it creates an unnecessary DoD-wide management level of IT assets. We believe a centrally managed database of IT assets -- the Defense Information Technology Management System (DITMS) -- used by DISA is unnecessary to capture detail inventory information on relatively inexpensive and short-lived desktop computers, laptops, personal data assistants, and other minor peripheral IT assets that are commonly used in every office throughout the Department. Ensuring the accuracy of DITMS requires constant vigilance and oversight and duplicates data already available within the DoD Components. Furthermore, mandating the requirement to capture such information in an automated property system is contrary to the Department's property accountability threshold of \$5,000, because most of these IT assets cost less than \$5,000.

Additionally, the draft Directive's proposed reporting and redistribution processes for excess IT assets duplicates the redistribution mission of the Defense Reutilization and Marketing Service (DRMS), the Defense Logistics Agency field activity charged with disposing DoD excess and surplus commodities. Therefore, we do not agree with the Directive's requirement for the DISA to redistribute or dispose of IT assets, since it unnecessarily duplicates the DRMS mission.

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